

December 1975

Pastoral Letter

Most of you already know that I am leaving Coleshill in the middle of December to return to New Zealand. The decision to leave has not been an easy one and there are as many good reasons for staying as there are for going. But the offer of a challenging job at home, after over ten years abroad has to be considered seriously.

My new post is unique firstly in that it is sponsored by all the major Churches in New Zealand, including the Roman Catholic Church, and secondly, in that its primary focus is not on the life of the Church but on the life of the Nation. My task will be to try to discern God's activity within society at large by listening to what the various "people's movements" are saying; that is, by listening to young people in communes, to native groups trying to regain the use of tribal lands, to pressure and protest groups such as those trying to put an end to nuclear testing in the South Pacific, and so on. Subsequently my task will be to encourage in such groups an awareness of the global dimension to their struggles; and to help the Churches understand the implications of these struggles for the Church's lifestyle.

The job is obviously both exciting and daunting. Although I will officially be known by the rather grand title "Director of the Ecumenical Secretariat for Human Development", that does not imply that I shall be sitting in an office. Indeed, for the first years, I shall have neither an office nor a home, but will be travelling extensively.

It is nevertheless with sadness that I leave Coleshill, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for the kindness, generosity and hospitality you have shared with me while I have been here. Coleshill will always be a special place to me and I look forward to meeting you again whenever I visit Europe. Should any of you be in New Zealand, I hope you would contact me through the following address: 38 Great North Road, Warkworth, New Zealand.

Wishing you all the joys and blessings of Christmas.

Michael Elliott

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, COLESHILL

Text of the **Primates'** Pastoral Letter

The Archbishops of **Canterbury** and York hope that you will regard this letter as a personal one from themselves to you. They are asking that it be read in all churches because they believe that there is a great body of seriously-minded men and women who are deeply concerned not only about the economy of our nation but about its spiritual condition.

During the last few days you will probably have shared through the media something of what **we** have been trying to say at this critical **time**. We have posed **such** questions as these - "What sort of society are we looking for?" and "What kind of people are needed for the creation of this society?"

We Christians believe that **God** reigns **and** that he cares about the nations.

We believe that he has demonstrated his concern in the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus **Christ**.

We believe that his Spirit is operative today, doing his recreative work **in** individuals and groups.

If, however, a responsible society is to come into being, everyone must realise that he counts and **that** his contribution matters. The time has therefore come when we feel it is our duty to call all **Christian** people.

1. To pray steadily, persistently and intelligently for our **nation**.
2. To **think** seriously about our society in **the** light of what **we** believe, asking such questions as "What sort of society do **we** want?" and "What sort of people do **we** need in order to achieve it?"
3. To **co-operate** with Christians of every allegiance, and with **any** others who are **willing** to be associated with us, so as to influence society in a positive and helpful way.
4. To live out the faith we profess, **that** God reigns and that God **cares**.

We therefore invite you as members of your local congregation to take **seriously** **God's** call to God's people in **God's** world, and to go on and work out in further detail in the next few months what this will mean for **yourself**, your **home**, your parish and the community where you live and work.

DONALD CANTUAR:
STUART EBOR:

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The following have intimated that they do not propose to send out Christmas Cards locally but extend to all their friends their very best wishes for Christmas and a very happy New Year.

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| Jack & Beryl Adams | George & Ruby May |
| Ada Aldridge | Henry & Diana Maynard |
| Ada & Rose Aldridge | Pat McCann |
| Sybil Boston | Judy McLean |
| Trixie Browne | Ted & Nita Ovington |
| John & Ann Chehevix Trench | Alastair & Pat Panton |
| The Coales Family | George & Barbara Plumridge |
| Hilda Collier | Peg Pomeroy |
| Geoffrey & Hilda Creber | Ernest & Dora Post |
| Keith & Peggy Dipple | Murray & Rita Rann |
| Joan Dryden | Kathleen Richmond & Marjorie Steel |
| Michael Elliott | Jim. & Pleasance Riley |
| Jack & Pat Emblow | Ursula Rose |
| Peggie Gdw | Ewart & Jean Smith |
| Gerard & Maisie Grant | Molly Stone |
| Jim & Lena Grayer | Henry & Violet Tapping |
| Harold & Win Grindley | Richard, Rosemary, Amanda & Neil Valentine |
| John Guest | Cliff & Leida Vince |
| Florence Harris | Betty Waite |
| Elizabeth Harvey | Tony & Margaret Weedon |
| Denis & Chloe Hall | Penny Weedon |
| Roger & Jean Higgs | Gerry & Betty White |
| Gibbon How | May Williams |
| Laing Hutcheon | Mercia Williamson |
| Joan Kunzer | Spike & Phyllis Wright |
| Marjorie Long-Brown | Patsy Wright-Warren |

David and Doranne Rowe-Mitchell, formerly of Moorey Cottage seek permission to be considered locals and exchange Christmas greetings.

With some unsolicited donations a cheque for £14.75 is being sent to the Church Treasurer a/c Newsletter Fund.

NEWSLETTER

At the end of the year, the Editor would like to thank most profusely all those wonderful people who have contributed various reports and in particular to Mrs. Plumridge, to Mrs. Nicholls and to Mrs. Stubbings who undertake the typing and the duplicating so willingly, and to the distributors of the final product. The Editor would like to express regrets for his own errors which have a habit of creeping in.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SUPPER ..

Our Harvest Festival Supper was held once again in the Village Hall on Friday, 10th October.

On entering the Village Hall a cheerful and colourful sight met our eyes. The Mothers' Union led by Mrs. Jesse Pusey had produced a striking display of flowers and coloured napkins on the white tablecloths. A wide variety of home-made puddings and sweets had also been donated by people throughout Coleshill.

The first half of the entertainment which followed was organised by Penny Weedon. It opened with our choir giving us a light hearted review of Samson's career entitled "Cantata on Samson". Then Pauline Griffiths and Penny Weedon playing flute and piano respectively gave us a movement familiar yet difficult to place - until suddenly it developed into "When the Saints come marching in". Finally, the same performers with an extra instrument - Penny's voice - gave us a song on an Old Testament theme, which stressed the romantic side.

The second part of the evening was arranged by Mrs. Ann Trench and proved rather more energetic for a lot of the audience. Eight members of the Lucy Clarke Scottish Country Dance Club kindly came up to demonstrate and lead us in Scottish dances. One of their number, Wesley Harry, introduced them and explained the dances we were to perform. These included Dashing White Sergeant and an eightsome. Max Trench provided the music. So popular were these dances that they continued even after the evening had officially ended.

The evening was brought to a close when Mrs. Jesse Pusey was presented with a bouquet by Lois Plumridge. This was a token of the gratitude we in Coleshill feel towards her.

N.N.N.

A PATTERN OF HUNDREDS

Congratulations are extended to Louie Edwards and to Violet Darvill upon their splendid contribution to "A Pattern of Hundreds", a record compiled by members of the Buckinghamshire Federation of Women's Institutes.

They deal with life in Coleshill some fifty years ago. Amongst many other interesting matters they tell us that, in those carefree days, a local farmer brought round milk in large churns. He carried the milk to the doorstep in a large can, with a half-pint measure inside, and then ladled it into a jug. This would scarcely suit the hygiene minded people today.

THANKS

Mrs. Triolaire wishes to express sincere thanks to all those who have sent their best wishes and flowers during her recent illness.

THE COLESHILL CLUB

The September meeting was our first A.G.M. and we were able to look back upon a very pleasant and companionable year. The retiring officers and committee were re-elected for a further year and Mr. Jack Cossey joined us on the Committee. We thank all those who have worked so hard to make this venture a success.

The 'Open Meeting' in October included a well supported Bring and Buy Stall and an amusing competition arranged by Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey. This required us to identify members of the club from snaps and photographs taken some time ago - not a very easy task.

Winchmore Hill Thursday Club invited us to join them for their 2nd anniversary meeting on 6th November. The afternoon began with a most hilarious hour's entertainment by Charles Barlow, a conjurer, and finished with a lovely birthday tea. We all thank Winchmore Hill for their splendid hospitality.

M.W.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Our recruits, Jane Mileham, Nicola Reavey and Kay Speller are now enrolled Guides. We have a new Patrol, the Blue Tits, with Rachel Wege as Patrol Leader and Joanna Swerling as her Second. Jane Swerling is the new Second of the Kingfishers. Rachel Wege has gained her Health Badge.

Mrs. Chenevix-Trench came one evening to teach us Country Dancing and hopes to come again.

Some Guides helped at the Village Hall Jumble Sale and also at the local Association of Girl Guides and Brownies at their A.G.M. in Amersham.

On Monday, 8th December, at 5.45 p.m. in the Village Hall, together with the Brownies, we have an Open Evening and plan to have a Winter Pare Stall, Guide proceeds for the Church Fabric Fund. DO COME AND VISIT US.

Guides' parents kindly held a cake stall on Saturday, 15th November, for Guide funds and raised £19.20. We are very grateful and thank all concerned.

We hope to take an active part in Parish Communion on Sunday, 30th November, St. Andrews' Day. Also to carol sing at Coleshill House near Christmas.

H.S.M.C.

BUS TIME-TABLE

A list giving the revised times of the 398 Service is enclosed with this Newsletter. These alterations are made to achieve essential operating economies and to offset some of the considerable losses incurred on these services. The Buckinghamshire County Council who have the power to grant loans to keep rural bus services operating have been consulted about these changes and are in agreement with them.

BROWNIE NOTES

Our recruit did not materialise and we are still 15 Brownies.

October 17th saw us acting 'In a Cottage in a Wood' for the local Association A.G.M. in Amersham.

We devoted one meeting to acting and another meeting we spent our time tying or being tied up with string, knots, knitting and the like.

We are having a coffee evening and Bring and Buy Sale, (with the Guides) on Monday, 8th December. Our money is to be split two ways between Pestalozzi and the R.S.P.C.A. Everyone will be welcome. *

November 30th should see all of us in Church at 9.30 a.m. December 1st is the last meeting of the term, when we shall have a party and our first meeting in 1976 will be January 12th.

We have five children on our waiting list. If there is anyone who knows of any girl who would like to join us and has attained 7 years, we shall be pleased to see her.

G Richardson (Brown Owl)

INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY WEEK-END

On 9th November for the first time Coleshill took part in the above event, which is sponsored by Churches of various denominations in Amersham, twice a year.

We invited students of many nationalities to visit the Village for a walk and then back to the Village Hall to enjoy a wonderful tea provided and served by W.I. Members and other friends in the Village.

It was a most friendly and heart-warming 'party' which was much enjoyed by the students and their hosts and hostesses, (140 in all).

Great appreciation has been expressed by the Committee from the Churches and I would like to extend a big 'Thank you' to those who gave up their Sunday afternoon to help, and to walk, and also those who gave so generously in the way of cakes and scones etc.

D.P.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

Murray and Rita Rann are delighted to announce that their daughter Pippa is to be married to Prabhu Guptara in Delhi Cathedral on January 17th.

It is hoped that Pippa and Prabhu will be in England for 2-3 years from next September.

A FEEZE COMPETITION

Here is something to do in your spare time over the Christmas holiday.

Our nation has been asked to consider seriously what kind of society is right for both our own country and for other nations. What would be your plan for a good society.

Three prizes are offered for the best answer to that question, the answer not exceeding 300 words in length. Entries will be divided into three groups.

- A. From those under 16 years of age
- B. From those between 16 and 25
- C. From those over 25

Please put the appropriate letter on your paper together with your name and address and send it to Nigel Nicholls or May Williams not later than January 8th 1976.

M.W.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR THE BABIES AT MAGILA, HOSPITAL

We are hoping to send a small cheque for Christmas gifts for Hari - the baby in the Coleshill cot at Magila - and some of the other orphans.

If in these hard times you can spare a few pence, I shall be most grateful to you and will send the money to Africa on your behalf.

M.W.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE A.G.M. 13.11.75

This past year has seen a number of changes in our W.I. Firstly we were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Powell-Price when she left to live in Devon. She had been our Secretary, and is very much missed. Also we lost two of our keenest members - Mrs. How and Miss Boston who both died during the year.

At our A.G.M. Mrs Collier was voted to be our President for another year, Mrs. Ovington and Mrs. Emblow are Vice Presidents, Mrs. Higgs is our new Secretary and Mrs. Browne the Treasurer. We were pleased to welcome Miss Sybil Boston and Mrs. Post back to the committee. With three new members this year our numbers add up to 53 with an average of 31 people attending our monthly meetings.

During the year we have held a very successful bazaar, entertained a party of deaf and dumb people to lunch and tea, held a sherry morning to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the W.I. and had two coffee mornings. We have enjoyed our outings very much - Saville Gardens, Windsor Theatre and the Tomorrow's Heirlooms Exhibition which was held in London. Most of our speakers have been good and have covered a wide number of subjects. We still regularly do the trolley service at Coleshill House and Rushmead Old People's Home.

Looking back it has been a very successful year, and very enjoyable, and we certainly look forward to another year of friendship and activity in our W.I.

J.H.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

Coleshill Cricket Club's 1st XI finished ninth, out of ten, in the Mid-Bucks League. The 2nd XI finished last of ten in the Reserve Section of the same league. In the knock-out competitions the 1st XI were put out by Prestwood first time, whilst the 2nd XI lost to Holmer Green in the Reserve Final. On Sundays, the two cups held by the Club were lost. The Jim Ware Cup went to Perm Street for the first time since its inception in 1970 and the Albert Barnes Cup returned to Winchmore Hill after only 12 months with Coleshill. A determined effort must be made to regain both trophies.

Pew players can look back on the season with much satisfaction. Fred Newton was the most consistent batsman with a highest score of 48 and an average of 26. Bowling honours went to Ken Edwards who performed far better when opening the attack. Earlier in the season Geoff Clifton took 9 for 20 against Hazlemere. The most heartening feature of the 2nd XI's play was the all-round improvement of two 15 year olds, Steve Junger and Allan Edwards.

On each of the last three Saturdays only twenty-two players were available, the minimum requirement. For one Sunday game only 9 men were able to play. Should any resident of Coleshill think he has the ability to play the game, he would be welcomed as a member.

A St. Valentine's Leap Year dance will take place on Friday, 20th February 1976.

The Annual General Meeting took place at the Village Hall on Friday, 14th November attended by 24 people.

The Treasurer reported a cash surplus of £106 despite a staggering increase in the cost for playing equipment of £145. This was the bill for kitting-out the newly formed 2nd XI and should not occur next year. Our main sources of income were Dances (£200), donations from Vice-Presidents (£150) and membership fees (£70). In 1976, membership dues are increased from £2 to £3.

Mr. Jack Adams was re-elected President and the Vice-Presidents are again to be invited to give their support. The General Committee will consist of the following;

Chairman	-	Bob Tilson			
1st XI Captain	-	Geoff Clifton.	Vice-Captain	-	Gordon Brown.
2nd XI Captain	-	Neville Ayres.	Vice-Captain	-	Keith Good
Sunday Captain	-	David Nettleton.	Vice-Captain	-	David Baldwin
Treasurer	-	Barrie Clifton			
Secretary	-	David Nettleton			
Match Secretary	-	David Harris			
League Council Rep	-	David Seymour			
Groundsman	-	Tony Barber			

Selection Committees D. Harris, G. Clifton, G. Brown, IT. Ayres,
K. Good, D. Baldwin, D. Nettleton.

BUS GUIDE - FROM 29th NOVEMBER 1975

By the courtesy of the London Country Bus Services

AMERSHAM Quill Hall Estate - COLESEILL/BEACONSFIELD (via Grimsdell Lane) Service 398

MONDAY to FRIDAY

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										SC	
QUILL HALL ESTATE Grove Road	0714		0849	0949		1049	1149	1249	1439	1533	1552
Amersham Station	0722	0741	0857	0957	TH	1057	1157	1257	1447	Y	1600
Amersham Gore Hill	0705	0745	0901	1001	1056	1101	1201	1301	1451	1541	1604
Coleshill Water Tower	0708	0748	0904		1059	1104		1304	1454		1607
Coleshill Church	0712	0752	0908		1103	1108		1308	1458		1611
COLESHILL Magpies	0715	0755	0911		1106	1111		1311	1501		1614
Beaconsfield Beech Tree		0302				1113					1621
BEACONSFIELD Saracens Head		0806				1117					1625

	332	<u>SATURDAY</u>										
	SC											
QUILL HALL ESTATE Grove Rd	1556	1708	1802	1856	1949		0850	0949	1049	1219	1419	1719
Amersham Station	V	1716	1810	1904	1956		0857	0957	1057	1227	1427	1727
Amersham Gore Hill	1604	1720	1814	1908	2000	0809	0901	1001	1101	1231	1431	1731
Coleshill Water Tower	1607	1723	1817	1911		0812	0904		1104	1234	1434	1734
Coleshill Church	1611	1727	1821	1915		0816	0908		1108	1238	1438	1738
COLESHILL Magpies	1614	1730	1824	1910		0819	0911		1111	1241	1441	1741
Beaconsfield Beech Tree	1621											
BEACONSFIELD Saracens Head	1625											

NSD Not Schooldays. SC Schooldays only (conveys School children only between Q H E and Amersham). TH Tues & Thurs only. V. Via Stanley Hill.

<u>BEACONSFIELD/COLESHILL - AMERSHAM</u>	<u>Monday to Friday</u>												
	SD	NSD										TH	
BEACONSFIELD Saracens Head	0811	0811										1236	1630
Beaconsfield Beech Tree	0815	0815										1240	1634
COLESHILL Magpies	0720	0622	0822		0922		1122	1247	1322	1506	1641		
Coleshill Church	0723	0825	0825		0925		1125	1250	1325	1509	1644		
COLESHILL Water Tower	0727	0829	0829	SC	0929		1129	1254	1329	1513	1648		
Amersham Gore Hill	0657	0730	0832	0832	0851	0932	1032	1132	1257	1332	1516	1651	
Amersham Station	0701	0734	V	0836	V	0936	1036	1136		1336	1520	1655	
QUILL HALL ESTATE Grove Rd	0709	0742	0840	0844	0859	0944	1044	1144		1344	1528	1703	

	<u>SATURDAY</u>										
COLESHILL Magpies	1735	1829	1923		0824	0922		1122	1246	1446	1746
Coleshill Church	1738	1832	1926		0827	0925		1125	1249	1449	1749
Coleshill Water Tower	1742	1836	1930		0831	0929		1129	1253	1453	1753
Amersham Gore Hill	1745	1039	1933		0834	0932	1032	1132	1256	1456	1756
Amersham Station	1749	1843	1937		0838	0936	1036	1136	1300	1500	1800
QUILL HALL ESTATE Grove Rd	1757	1851	1944		0845	0944	1044		1308	1508	1808

<u>QUILL HALL ESTATE/AMERSHAM STATION</u>	<u>Service 359</u>												
QUILL HALL ESTATE Grove Rd	0747		1351				1745	MOW		1317	1517	1817	
AMERSHAM STATION	0755	1110	1359	1509	1721	1753	to	SAT	1110	1325	1525	1825	
Amersham Bus Garage	0759	1114	1403	1513	1725			FRI	1114	1329	1529	1829	
Amersham Bus Garage	0732	1002	1232	1422	1728			MON	1002	1202	1402	1702	
AMERSHAM STATION	0736	1006	1236	1426	1732			to	SAT	1006	1206	1406	1706
QUILL HALL ESTATE Grove Rd			1244	1434	1740			FRI		1214	1414	1714	

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

Rector: The Reverend Allan Campbell, M.A. (Cantab)
Beaumont, Hervines Road, Amersham.

(Tel: Am 7135)

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Sunday Services 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Matins
6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong
Each Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

24th December CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30 p.m. Holy Communion
25th December CHRISTMAS DAY 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion ..
11.00 a.m. Family Carol Service

ALL SAINTS', COLESHILL

Sunday Services 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
10.45 a.m. Sunday School
6.00 p.m. Evensong (First Sunday only)
21st December 3.00 p.m. Festival of Lessons & Carols
25th December CHRISTMAS DAY 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION CHURCH, WINCHMORE HILL

28th December Sunday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion with Carols

Assistant Curate: Michael Elliott M. Div., The Parsonage, Coleshill (Tel: 4229)
Pro-Churchwardens: N.N. Nicholls, Orchard House, Coleshill (Tel: 6734)
J.J.G. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill (Tel: 5439)
Hon. Treasurer: A.M.V. Panton, Wallers Oak, Coleshill (Tel: 6183)
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. Dryden, Hillcrest, Tower Road, Coleshill (Tel: 3449)

Choir: Thursday Evenings in Church at 7.00 p.m.
Brownies: Monday Evenings in the Hall at 5.30 p.m. - 6.45 p.m.
Guides: Monday Evenings in the Hall at 6.45 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.
Mothers' Union: 3rd Thursday afternoon of every month at 2.30 p.m. . - .
Coleshill Club: 3rd Wednesday afternoon of every month at 2.30 p.m.
W.I. 2nd Thursday, afternoon of every month Ft 2.30 p.m.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

December

Tues 2nd Coleshill Church Committee
Fri 5th & 6th Brownies Group
Sat 6th Brownies Open Evening, Village Hall, 5.45 p.m.
Wed 10th Coffee Morning, Stock Place, in aid of R.S.P.C.C.
Thur 11th Mobile Library Van, Coleshill.
W.I. Christmas Party

Monday or Tuesday, 22nd or 23rd Carol Singing. - Anyone interested in joining
in should contact:
Penny Weedon, Amersham 4020

CHRISTMAS DAY December 25th 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion